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"Onion Crop Lighter"—Why those tears over such a headline?

The casualties of the Boston guerrilla warfare are fast approaching a battle skirmish.

Hoover says the league of nations is a good thing and, in fact, the treaty of peace is framed around the league of nations idea. It is unbiased testimony.

Such a little thing as a boat collision does not bother Wilson after he has been in hard crashes with Congress. The affair at the Seattle harbor was merely an incident.

A distinct honor comes to Vermont through the election of her state insurance commissioner, Joseph G. Brown of Montpelier, as president of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners. Vermont is still a little state but she gains recognition far beyond what her size would indicate as her due.

This year there were a third as many automobiles as there were horses in Vermont. Another year the difference will be materially reduced, for, during the present year over 3,000 more machines were registered than during the same period of the preceding year, and there is reason to believe that the number of new cars will be at least as large as during this year.

Almost ancient rumors that Secretary of State Lansing was likely to quit Wilson's cabinet are given some color by the testimony of Mr. Bullitt that Lansing declared last spring while in Paris that the peace treaty would not be acceptable to the American people. Secretary Lansing has not as yet vouchsafed any explanation of the Bullitt testimony, and so the public has not got the full case on which to decide the merits of the controversy.

COMPETENT MR. HOOVER.

After five years' service on war work, Herbert Hoover returns to his home in the United States with his work virtually accomplished. Undoubtedly there yet remains much to be done in the countries of Europe before those countries get back onto their pre-war basis as regards the supplies of food, but the great pinch incident to shortage and poor distribution has been passed in large measure, so Hoover's work at the head of the interallied commission could be safely concluded. It has been a fine work which Hoover has accomplished in Europe, as well as in the United States. It was a work full of tremendous problems and very serious perplexities, calling for a marked degree of perspicacity and energy, combined with relentless persistence. To the work Hoover brought those qualities and he was thereby enabled to carry out his plans successfully.

Now Hoover returns for the purpose of gaining some of the rest which he so much needs; but it is probable that a man of his stamp will not remain long in private life or virtual seclusion as far as public work is concerned. The United States needs, in some capacity or other, just such men as Hoover has proven himself to be in an emergency. Let this man be kept in the mind of the people of the United States, for the United States will need him, if it does not need him now.

SHIFTLESS RAILROAD METHODS.

The preliminary steps are being taken for the return of the railroads of the country to private control. As far as the public is concerned, the time when the roads shall be out of government domination cannot come any too soon. It may be possible under private control to buy a ticket for a 100-mile trip even though such a trip may have to be taken on more than one railroad line, for instance, the Montpelier & Wells River and the Boston & Maine railroad. Agents have repeatedly refused, under government domination, to sell tickets beyond Woodsville, N. H., necessitating a hurried effort at Woodsville to purchase a ticket for the next few miles of the 100, to be followed by a similar effort if the itinerary should happen to pass from the Boston & Maine railroad to some other line. And as if that inconvenience were not enough, passengers get a flat refusal to check baggage beyond the station of the first purchase of a ticket. Travelers have met with such treatment at the Montpelier station repeatedly and have been compelled to resort to the American Express company to send their baggage unless they were willing to stop long enough at Woodsville to go through the red tape of having their baggage rechecked to the next station and then to go through the same act at the next jumping-off place. Oftentimes there is not time between train connections to permit of such rechecking of baggage. So, many people resort to the express company for relief and are thus called upon to stand an extra expense. It would seem that as long as the railroads are all under one control at the present time it should be possible for the administration to sell through tickets for a 100-mile trip at least, and then to check baggage through to the limit of such a trip. The present arrangement is an imposition on the public.



Instead of a new straw to finish out the season in style, why not get one of the new lightweight Fall Felts? The advance samples are with us.

In caps we've some new ones that, even if you are captious, you'll have to acknowledge are going some.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

Adyn L. Hayward finished work in the local creamery last Friday night, the manager, Alden B. Jewett, having returned from a trip to Montreal.

The number of our townsmen who attended the state fair last week was considerably lessened by the bad weather, though several auto drivers carried full loads for two days. Among these were Frank A. Bruce, Theron G. Williams, Henry Stevens and Mrs. Martha Wales. Others went for one day, and it is said that not less than fifty people from here were there during the fair.

George Lavine was at home from Northfield over the week end, and visited his farm in Brookfield on the 14th.

Francis Lassell, who has been employed at farm work by Heman E. Smith the past season, has gone to Washington, D. C., for a visit, returning with his brother, William, who has been home for a two weeks' vacation.

The teachers in the village schools are as follows: G. Elliott Stevens of Pittsford, principal, teaching general science, agriculture, manual training and higher mathematics; Miss Ida E. Brownell of Burlington, Latin, French and history; Miss Mildred Cady of Middlebury, domestic science and English. Miss Mills of Orange is teacher for the 6th grade and substitute teacher in junior high school. Miss Belle D. Robinson has the intermediate pupils and Miss Bessie Shovey of Plainfield the primary classes. Over 60 pupils are enrolled in the junior high school.

Fred A. George and Aura and Ora Whitney rode in the airplane with Aviator Lynch while attending the state fair last week.

Mrs. Etta M. Covell has returned to Washington, D. C., accompanied by her daughter, Doris, who is to attend school in that city this year. They went via White River Junction, where they visited at W. O. Martin's and joined William and Francis Lassell, who went earlier in the week to attend the fair. The party was completed with the arrival of Miss Mabel Lassell, and the remainder of the journey was made on Saturday, the 13th.

Mrs. Clyde H. Morse went to Sheldon to join her husband Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Farrington of Walden Heights made a brief stop with Mr. and Mrs. George Marr last week.

Birn G. Reed left town for Windsor last Saturday, where he is to be employed in the same machine shop in which he worked for a while last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Drury went Saturday afternoon to Woodstock, N. H. The regular grange meeting will be held next Wednesday evening.

Vermont Kitchen Poles.

There's a lot of old Vermontish sights Of which we can't let go Which dog, as 'twere, our days and nights

From Simonsville to Stowe; Beneath whatever roof I step, As here and there I rove, I always look to find the poles Above the kitchen stove.

Two great long spars on iron hooks, And right across 'em laid Two smaller ones—not much on looks And seldom "factory made."

I'm sure we shaved our own from spruce That grew in Gridley's grove, And there they hung, the last I knew, Above the Stewart stove.

Each pole, it had two ends or more, The large as well as small, Four ends towards the outside door, Four towards the "dining hall."

And hats, caps, frocks and drying clothes Around them crossbars thrived, Until it looked like Salem street Above the kitchen stove.

We used to put the frames abroad On which was strung to dry The big pound sweets we'd pared and cored

For applesauce and pie; How good them fruity garlands smelt!—Where'er my footprints rove, I look for apple on the poles Above the kitchen stove.

I used up all the parts of speech A-wishing I could hang My cap 'way up there out of reach, The same as Slimmy Lang; He swore at me in Latin once And said, "By Magnus Jove! You'll have to grow to use the poles Or stand upon the stove."

Welcome Home.

Blessings on thy cheeks of tan, Oh summer girl! Hast caught a man? —Boston Transcript.

Shall We Join the League of Nations?

This is the question which is engaging the attention of our ablest statesmen, in and out of Congress, the question beside which all others seem of trivial importance. Some of our most profound thinkers emphatically declare: "Obey the admonition of Washington; keep out of foreign alliances, avoid European politics," while others equally as well qualified to speak tell us: "However much we may be indebted to the great Washington for his leadership and guidance in the early days of the republic, the progress and development of civilization has now brought us to a point where we must assume world responsibilities; we can no longer live alone as a Nation; we are a World State and should take our place as a joint trustee to preserve world order."

Perhaps the adoption of either of these extreme opinions in its entirety might be a little farther than it would be wise to go, but the rank and file of the thinking people of America can be depended upon to find the safe course and govern themselves accordingly.

There is no need for alarm; it is no time for hysteria. When the people determine their judgment and crystallize their desires into that force which we commonly term "public sentiment," no arguments of political expediency can long oppose them.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES

"Flo Flo," Full of Spice at Barre Opera House, Sept. 17.

The Bangor, Me., Daily News of Sept. 6, said in part of "Flo Flo," which is to appear at the Barre opera house Wednesday evening, Sept. 17:

"A story of true and false love set to seductive music, spiced with fun, enlivened with energetic and nimble dancing and blessed with all the environment of luxury and beauty that a gorgeous fashion show can afford—not forgetting some examples of feminine loveliness that would make all the marble Venuses of the art galleries take on an ugly tint of green—that is Flo Flo, musical comedy in two acts, presented by John Cort at the Bijou theatre last night."

"The score abounds in dainty, dreamy airs characteristic of Silvio Hein, with several bits of musical gaiety. Most liked by the big house last night were 'A Wonderful Creature,' 'Good-Bye,' 'Happy Days,' 'In Spain,' 'On the River Nile,' 'If It Were for My Wife and Family,' and 'Would You Love Me?' This latter number, by Miss Alger and Mr. Hastings, was one of the classiest things of the kind within recent recollection."

"The stage was handsomely and promptly set, and altogether Flo Flo made herself very welcome here and raised the corset model profession several thousand degrees in the estimation of an audience that filled the Bijou to its utmost capacity—adv."

"Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," Friday Night.

One of the conspicuous dramatic successes of last season will be seen at the opera house on Friday night, when A. H. Woods presents "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," direct from its phenomenal run at the Republic theatre, New York City. "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath" is said to have scored more laughs than any other comedy on the boards last year. It is certainly one of the very few plays that survived the sweltering New York heat, and ran well into the summer. The play is the work of C. W. Bell and Mark Swan, and is described as a farce frolic in three acts. Its unusual plot deals with the adventures of an unsophisticated young benedict, who is compelled to play the role of a Don Juan in order to satisfy the romantic cravings of his too sentimental wife—adv."

GRANITEVILLE

Regular meeting of Court Robert Emmett, No. 544, C. O. F., Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, at 7 o'clock. Smoke talk after meeting. All members cordially invited.

Dance in Gilbert's hall, Thursday, Sept. 18. Ericson's orchestra, three pieces. Dancing from 8:30 to 2. Admission, \$1 per couple; ladies, free—adv."

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Dance in Gilbert's hall, Thursday, Sept. 18. Ericson's orchestra, three pieces. Dancing from 8:30 to 2. Admission, \$1 per couple; ladies, free—adv."

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